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SUBJECT: WEST BANK PRESS REACTION: BEGIN-SADAT-CARTER SUMMIT

SUMMARY: BEGIN'S AND SADAT'S AGREEMENT TO MEET IN A SUMMIT AT CAMP DAVID RECEIVED MIXED REVIEWS FROM EAST JERUSALEM ARABIC PRESS. MODERATE, PRO-JORDANIAN "AL QUDS" EXPRESSED CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM AND CALLS FOR "ARAB CONCILIATION" BEFORE THE MEETING. PALESTINIAN NATIONALIST "ASHA'B" JUDGES THAT THE SUMMIT WILL ONLY SERVE TO "GIVE THE MASSES OF THE MIDDLE EAST FALSE HOPES."

1. "AL QUDS" CREDITS THE AMERICAN ADMINISTRATION FOR "EVADING A CLASH WITH ISRAEL" AND "SAVING THE FACE OF EGYPT" BY CALLING THE CAMP DAVID SUMMIT. THE PAPER THEN CALLS FOR AN ARAB SUMMIT BEFORE THE AMERICAN MEETING FOR "TRUE CONCILIATION" WHERE UNCLASSIFIED

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"ARABS MUST DELEGATE SADAT TO BE THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE ARABS-- ALL THE ARABS." THIS MEETING COULD ALSO PREPARE AN ARAB PLAN "AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO POSSIBLE FAILURE OF THIS MEETING" THAT "WILL BLOCK ANY POSSIBLE ISRAELI EFFORTS TO DELAY RETURNING THE WEST BANK TO FORJAN AND GAZA TO EGYPT AND PAVING THE WAY FOR GIVING THE PALESTINIANS A CHANCE TO DETERMINE THEIR OWN

DESTINY." THE WRITER CONCLUDES BY QUESTIONING WHETHER PRESIDENT CARTER WILL BE ABLE TO IMPOSE HIS INFLUENCE ON BOTH SADAT AND BEGIN AND QUALIFYING ANY OPTIMISM BY SAYING "DEVELOPMENTS CAN TRANSFORM THE OPTIMIST INTO A PESSIMIST AS FAST AS THEY CAN OCCUR."

2. ASHA'B SEES "NO HOOE" IN CARTER'S NEW INITIATIVE WHICH WAS DEVELOPED "TO SAVE AMERICAN DIPLOMACY FROM FAILURE." JUDGING THE SADAT INITIATIVE FUTILE THE PAPER DERIDES LACK OF PROGRESS TOWARD PEACE BLAMING ISRAEL THAT "OCCUPATION IS STILL WHERE IT WAS; SETTLEMENTS FLOURISH AND GROW, BUT PEACE EFFORTS DETERIORATE."

3. PRO-PLO AL FAJR DEVOTES ITS EDITORIAL TO THE SITUATION IN LEBANON BUT FEATURES IN ITS BANNER HEADLINE "SADAT RETREATS AND AGREES TO MEET WITH BEGIN." A SUB-HEAD READS "OBSERVERS EXPRESS SURPRISE AT SADAT'S CHANGE IN LIGHT OF ISRAEL'S HARDLINE STAND."

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